

## CLAIMS

The invention claimed is:

1. A method for presenting a set of items to a user, the method comprising:  
dividing said set of items into one or more groups according to a selected characteristic;  
presenting at least a portion of said set of items in accordance with said groups;  
presenting a listing of said groups; and  
indicating which of said groups contain one or more items currently visible to the user.
2. The method of Claim 1 wherein one or more of the presented items are digital images.
3. The method of Claim 2 wherein at least one of the digital images is a digital photograph.
4. The method of Claim 1 wherein said selected characteristic is a creation time within a desired interval of time.
5. The method of Claim 1 wherein said selected characteristic is storage in a desired folder.
6. The method of Claim 1 wherein said selected characteristic is association with one or more desired keywords.

7. The method of Claim 1 wherein the listing of said groups includes information associated with the contents of the groups.

8. The method of Claim 7 wherein said information includes date an/or time information.

9. The method of Claim 7 wherein said information includes storage location information.

10. The method of Claim 7 wherein said information includes associated keyword information.

11. The method of Claim 1 wherein the listings of said groups includes information associated said selected characteristic.

12. The method of Claim 1 wherein indicating which of said groups contain one or more items currently visible to the user includes presenting a visual indicator element with the listing of said groups.

13. The method of Claim 1 further comprising indicating volume information related to the number of items in at least one of said groups.

14. The method of Claim 13 wherein indicating volume information includes presenting one or more volume meters with the listing of said groups.

15. A graphical user interface embodied on one or more computer-readable media and executable on a computer, said graphical user interface comprising:

an item presentation area which displays at least a portion of a set of items to a user, wherein said set of items is presented in one or more groups according to a selected characteristic; and

a table of contents area which displays a listing of said groups and which further displays an indicator showing which of said groups contain one or more items currently visible in said item presentation area.

16. The graphical user interface of Claim 15 wherein one or more of the presented items are digital images.

17. The graphical user interface of Claim 15 wherein said selected characteristic is an associated date and/or time within a desired interval of time.

18. The graphical user interface of Claim 15 wherein said selected characteristic is storage in a desired folder.

19. The graphical user interface of Claim 15 wherein said selected characteristic is association with one or more desired keywords.

20. The graphical user interface of Claim 15 wherein the listing of said groups includes information associated with the contents of the groups.

21. The graphical user interface of Claim 15 wherein the listings of said groups includes information associated said selected characteristic.

22. The graphical user interface of Claim 15 wherein said indicator is presented along with the listing associated with the groups having currently visible items.

23. The graphical user interface of Claim 22 wherein said indicator displays the extent to which the groups having currently visible items are presented in the item presentation area.

24. The graphical user interface of Claim 15 wherein said table of contents area further displays volume information related to the number of items in each of said groups.

25. The graphical user interface of Claim 24 wherein said volume information includes one or more volume meters presented with the listing of said groups.

26. The graphical user interface of Claim 15 wherein said table of contents area is configured to receive a user input selecting a listing associated with a selected group.

27. The graphical user interface of Claim 26 wherein said user input causes at least a portion of the content of said selected group to be displayed in the item presentation area

28. A computer system for presenting a plurality of items to a user, the system comprising:

an item presentation display which presents at least a portion of a set of items to a user, wherein said set of items is presented in one or more groups according to a selected characteristic; and

a table of contents which lists said groups and which indicates which of said groups contain one or more items currently visible in said item presentation display.

29. The computer system of Claim 28 wherein one or more of the presented items are digital images.

30. The computer system of Claim 28 wherein the listing of said groups includes information associated with the contents of the groups.

31. The computer system of Claim 28 wherein the listings of said groups includes information associated said selected characteristic.

32. The computer system of Claim 28 wherein said indication of currently visible groups is presented along with the listing associated with the groups having currently visible items.

33. The computer system of Claim 32 wherein said indication displays the extent to which the groups having currently visible items are presented in the item presentation display.

34. The computer system of Claim 28 wherein said table of contents further displays volume information related to the number of items in each of said groups.

35. The computer system of Claim 34 wherein said volume information includes one or more volume meters presented with the listing of said groups.